

# CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE DIVISION DATA SNAPSHOT FY13-FY16



# CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION & SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION PROGRAMS

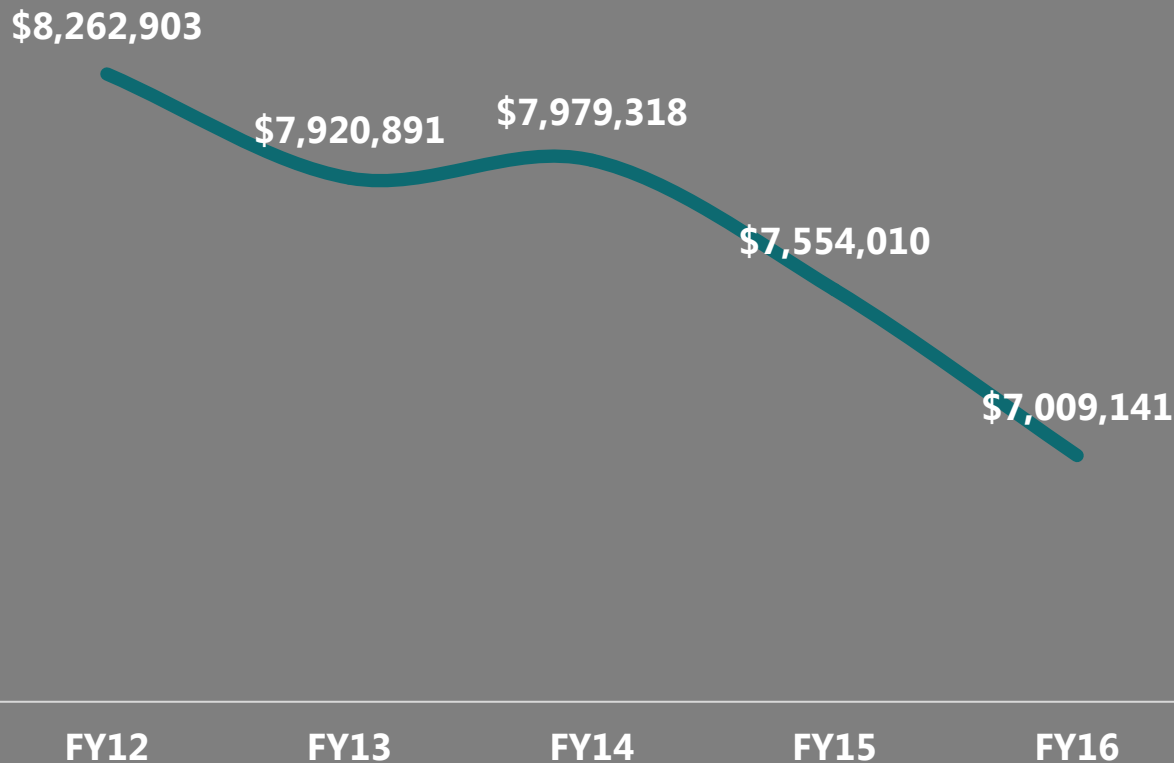
The Crime Victim Compensation Program (CVC) pays certain out-of-pocket expenses for victims physically or emotionally injured by crime. All funds for the program come from the Compensation Fund, which consists of fines and penalties paid by convicted criminals.

The program does not compensate for damaged or stolen property. Eligible crime victims can be reimbursed for expenses they pay and payments can be made directly to a service provider on behalf of the crime victim for crime-related expenses.

Iowa Code provides that restitution shall be ordered for payments issued by the Crime Victim Compensation Program to the extent that the offender is reasonably able to pay.

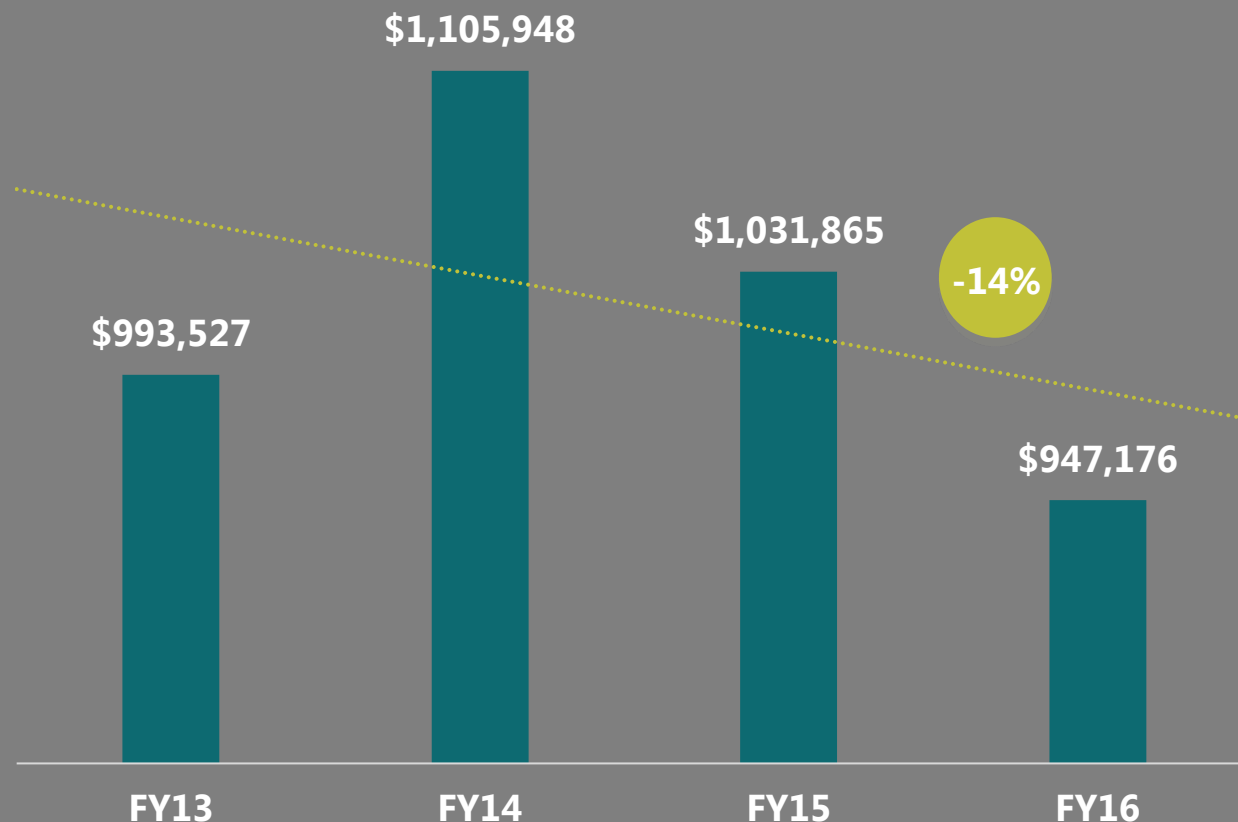
The Iowa Sexual Abuse Examination Payment Program (SAE) was established in 1979 to pay the cost of a forensic examination of the victim for sexual abuse crimes that occur in Iowa.

# FROM SFY12 TO SFY16, STATE REVENUES TO THE COMPENSATION FUND ARE **DOWN**



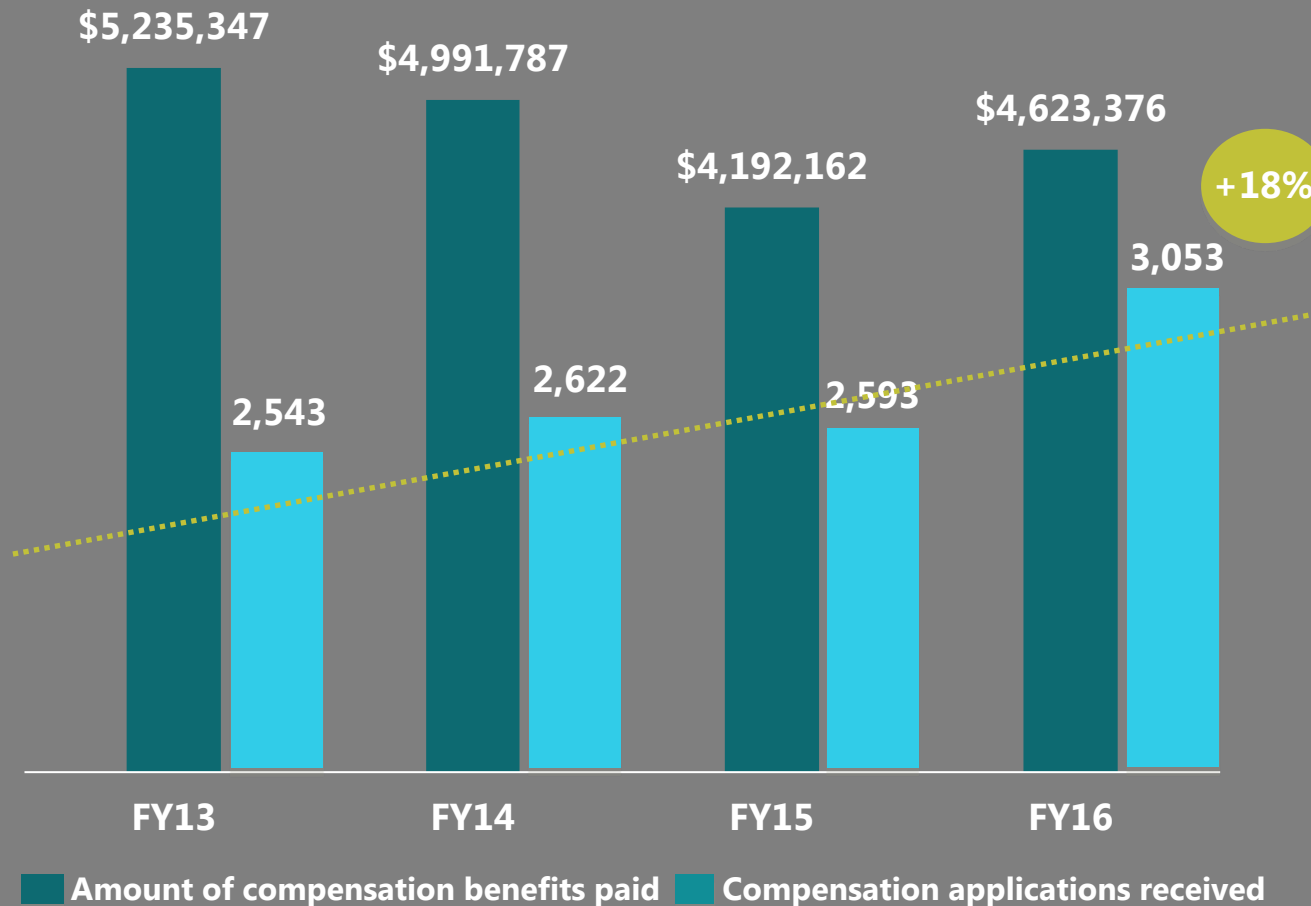
- Revenues are based on the Criminal Penalty surcharge, OWI fines & penalties, restitution, subrogation & litigation, inmate wage deposits and donations
- Revenue sources are unpredictable and outside the control of the Office of the Attorney General

# THE AMOUNT OF RESTITUTION & SUBROGATION RECEIVED HAS **DECREASED** SINCE SFY14



- The Compensation Fund reserve must be protected to ensure obligations to victims and providers can be met
- In SFY13-SFY15, the AGO transferred over \$4 million in reserve funds to make up for state and federal cuts to subgrantees. This is no longer sustainable. In SFY17 only the mandated \$150K was transferred.

# APPLICATIONS TO THE COMPENSATION PROGRAM ARE DRASTICALLY INCREASING



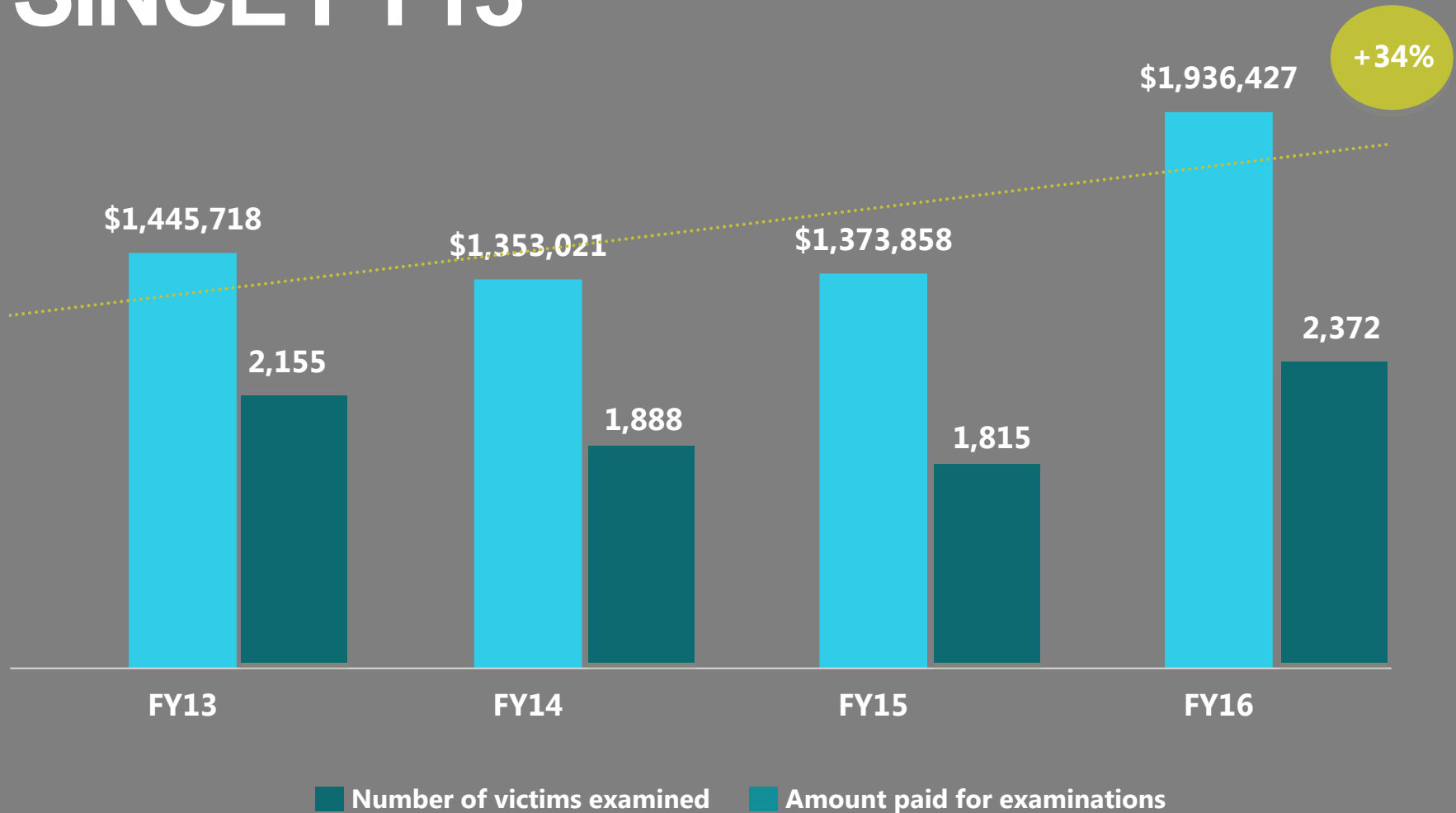
SFY17 is projected to be a record year based on performance through December 2016

SFY17 overall projections:

- Applications received, 5,100
- Compensation paid out, \$7.3 million

60% of the total compensation payout is reimbursed through a federal grant award. The State receives this formula award on an annual basis.

# SEXUAL ABUSE EXAMINATION EXPENSES HAVE INCREASED SINCE FY13



# VICTIM SERVICES SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Victim Services Support Program (VSS) provides grant funds to programs providing services to victims of crime. VSS focuses on (1) effective stewardship of state and federal funds for victim services, law enforcement, prosecution and courts administration and (2) providing technical assistance to crime victim programs on program development, fiscal management and services.

The VSS Program administers four federal and two state funding streams (a description of each fund type can be found in the CVAD annual report found on the IA AGO website). Through these funds, the VSS program is able to fund nonprofit and governmental agencies to provide a cadre of services to crime victims and the local community.

Funds support programs focused on connecting victims of crime to advocacy services, improving investigations, increasing prosecution, and improving the medical and court responses to victims in Iowa.

# THE RESTRUCTURE

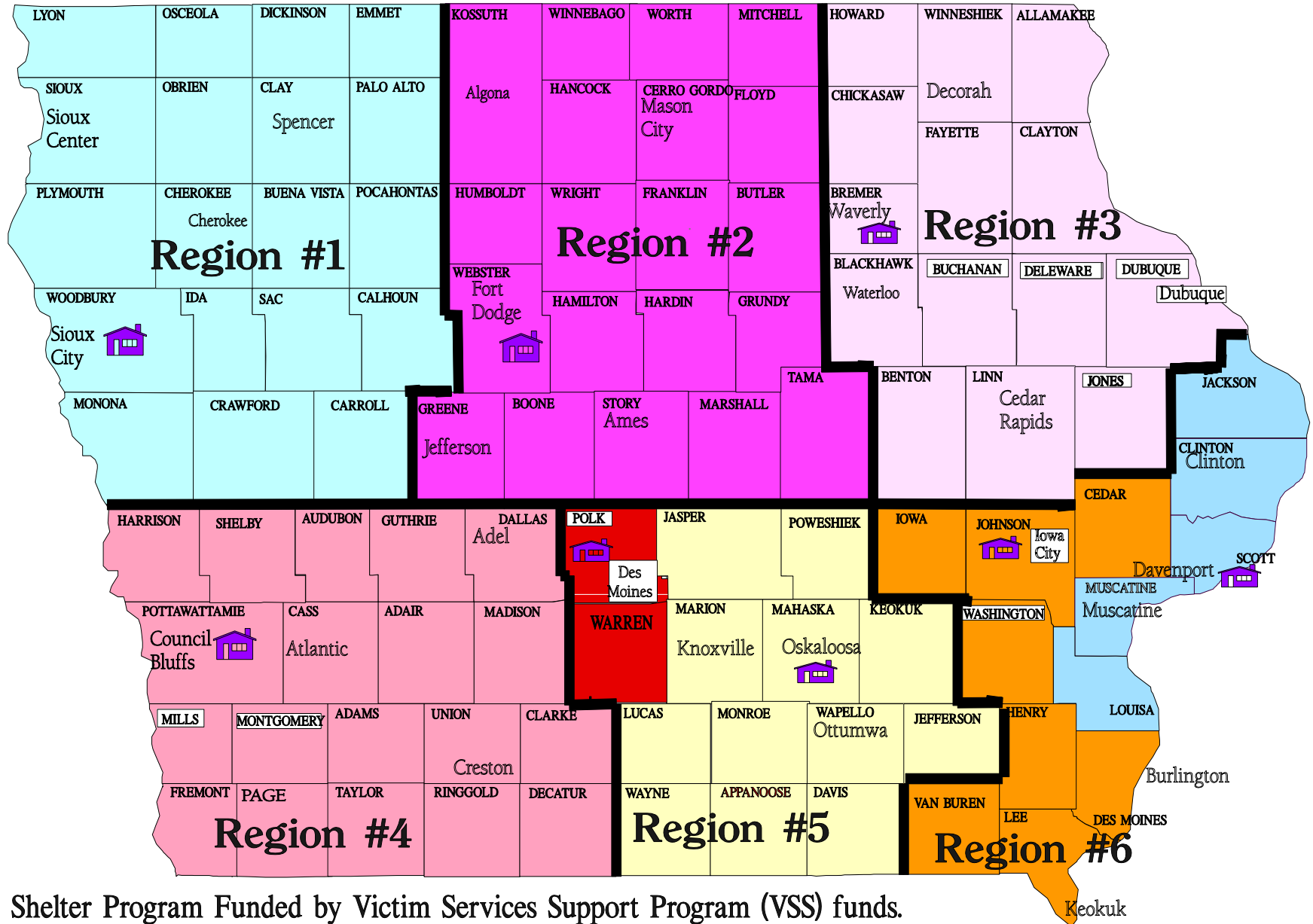
**In State Fiscal Year 2013, CVAD, the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault and other key stakeholders created a Strategic Funding and Services plan for victim services to best utilize funding while providing high quality services to all crime victims across the state. The restructure regionalized services and divided Iowa's services for domestic abuse victims, sexual abuse victims and survivors of homicide.**

The Iowa Strategic Funding and Services plan focuses on meeting a victim where she/he is at by increased mobile advocacy. The Plan also prioritizes the housing first model, which focuses on accessing safe housing as a first priority. After safe housing is established the victim/survivor is surrounded with support services, advocacy and other assistance identified by the victim and advocate for the victim to remain safe and violence-free.

Services may include assistance with a protective order, financial assistance, transportation, legal services, therapy and other services to enhance stabilization, safety and self-sufficiency. The service model incorporates different forms of housing such as a 24/7 emergency shelter, safe homes, hotel/motel, financial housing assistance, transitional housing and diverting victims from shelter and keeping the victim in her/his home.

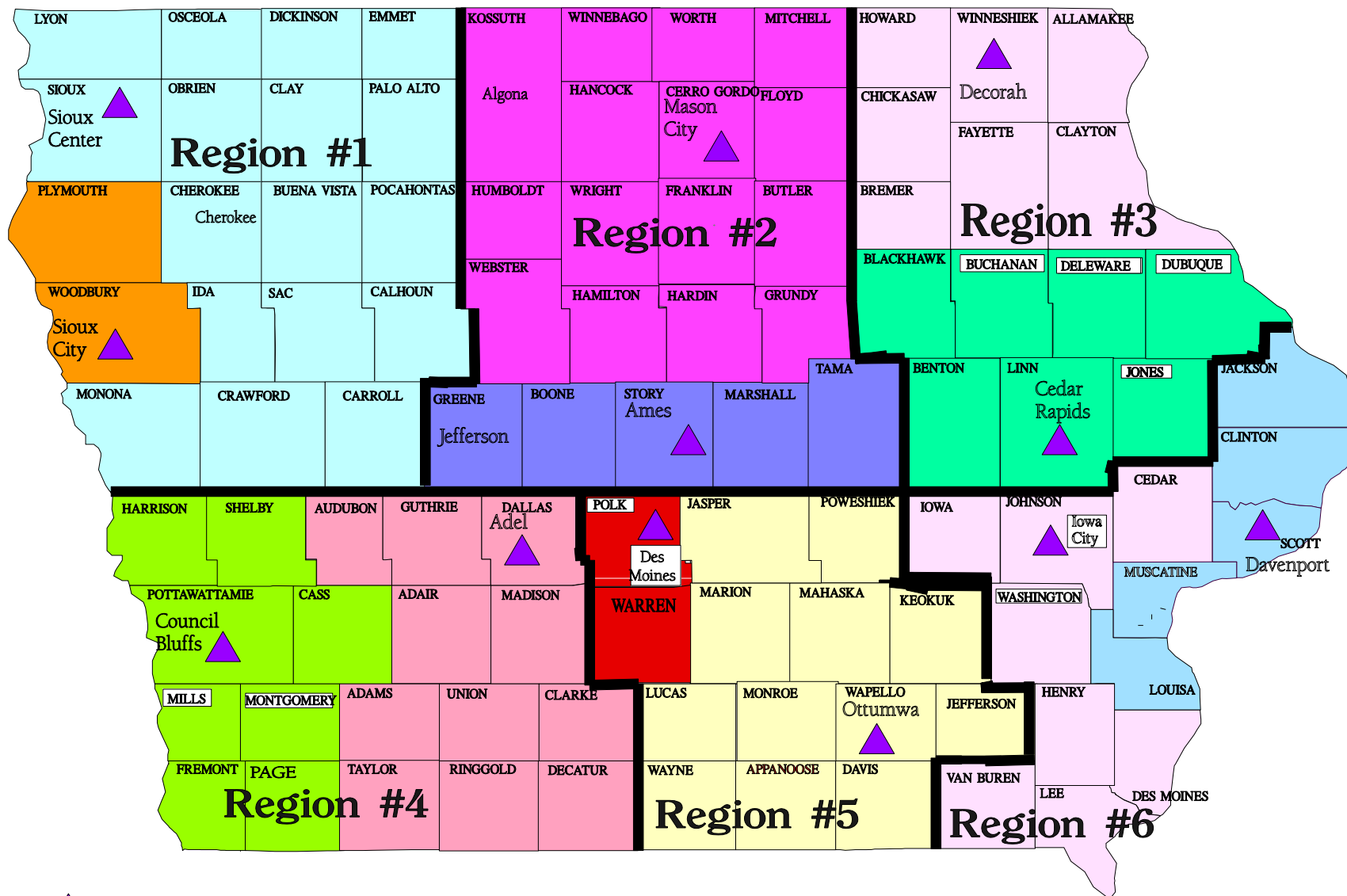


# Iowa Shelter Programs



# Iowa Domestic Abuse Comprehensive Programs

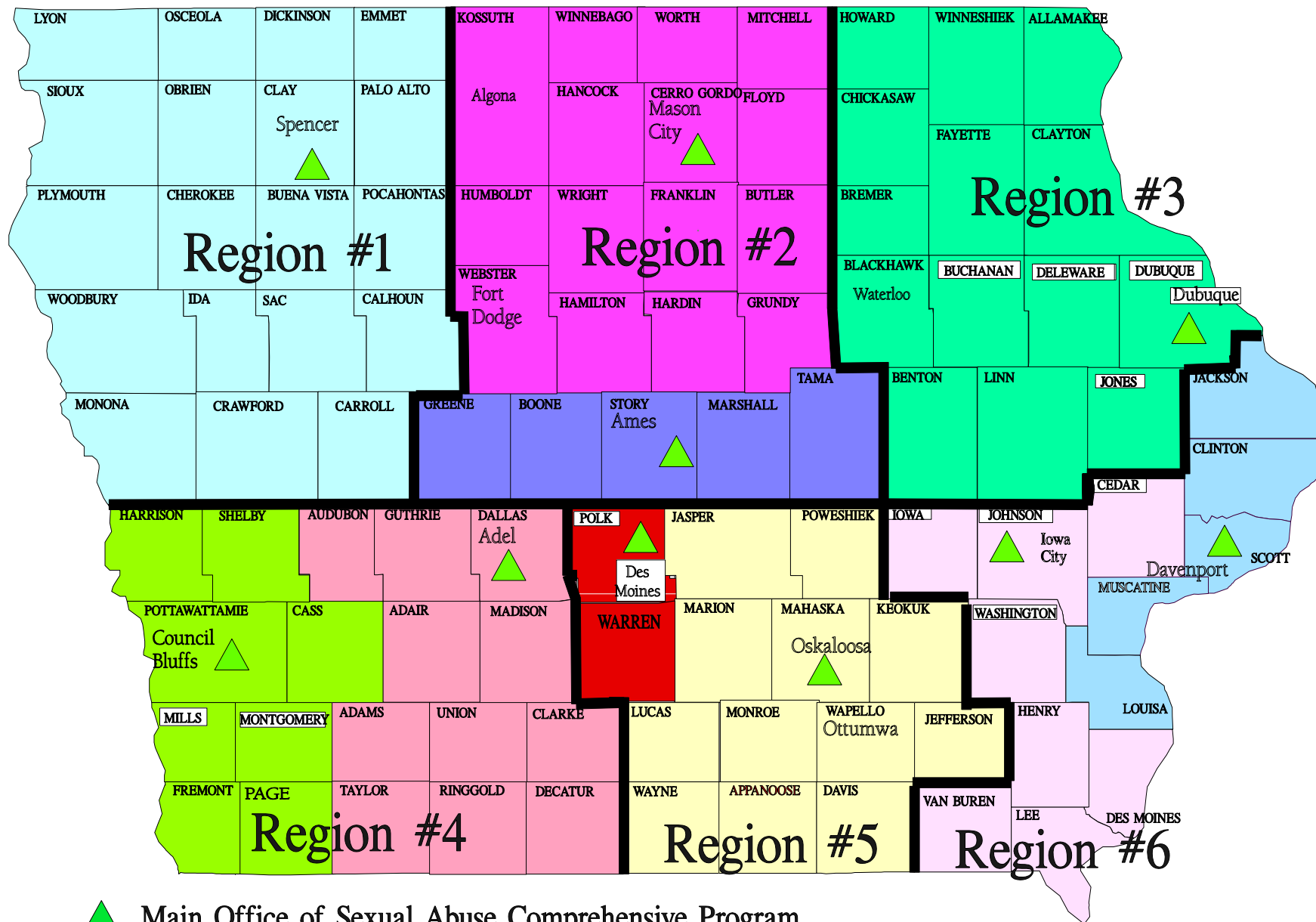
funded by the Victim Services Support Program (VSS)



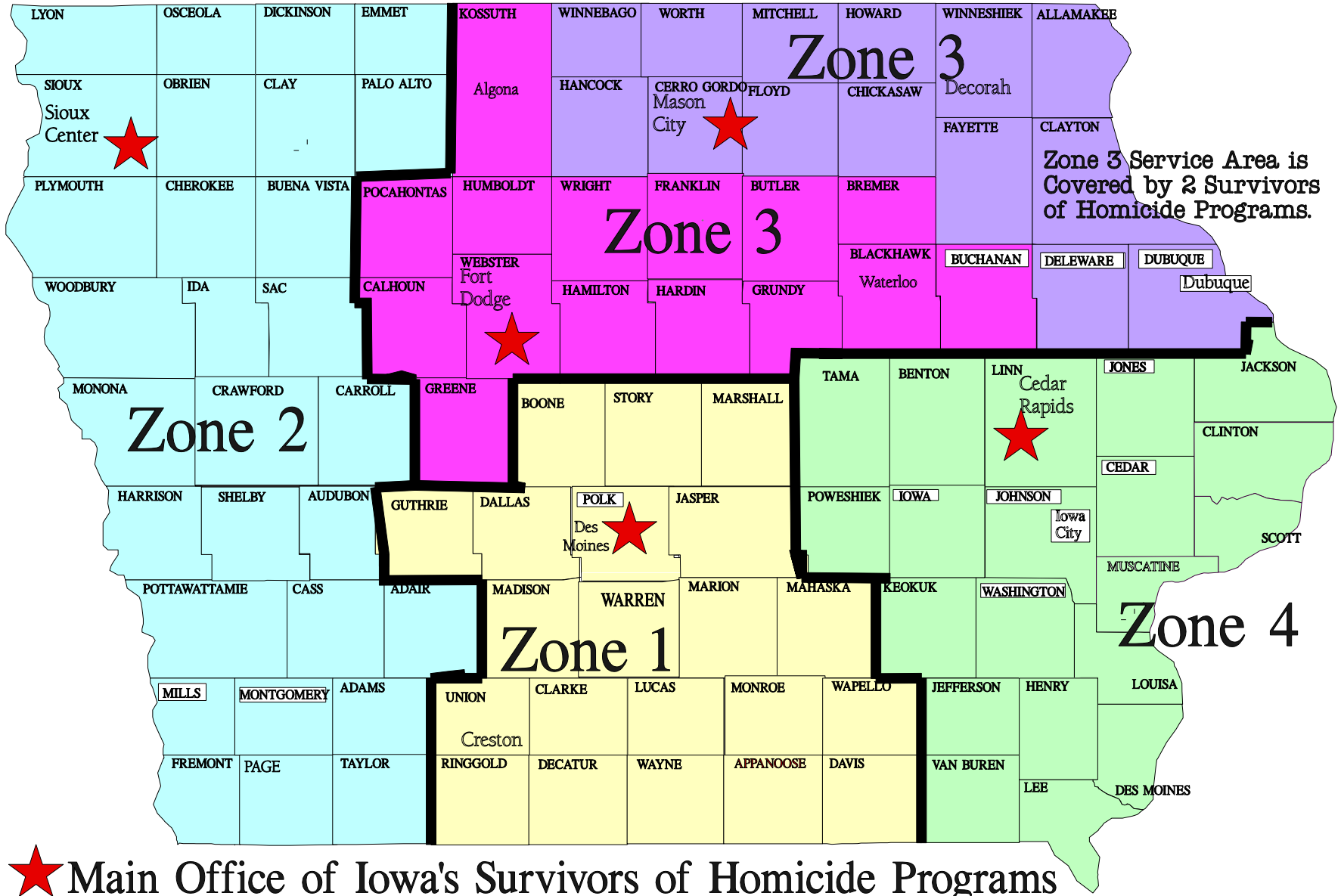
▲ Main Office of Domestic Abuse Comprehensive Program

# Iowa Sexual Abuse Comprehensive Programs

funded by Victim Services Support Program (VSS) Funds

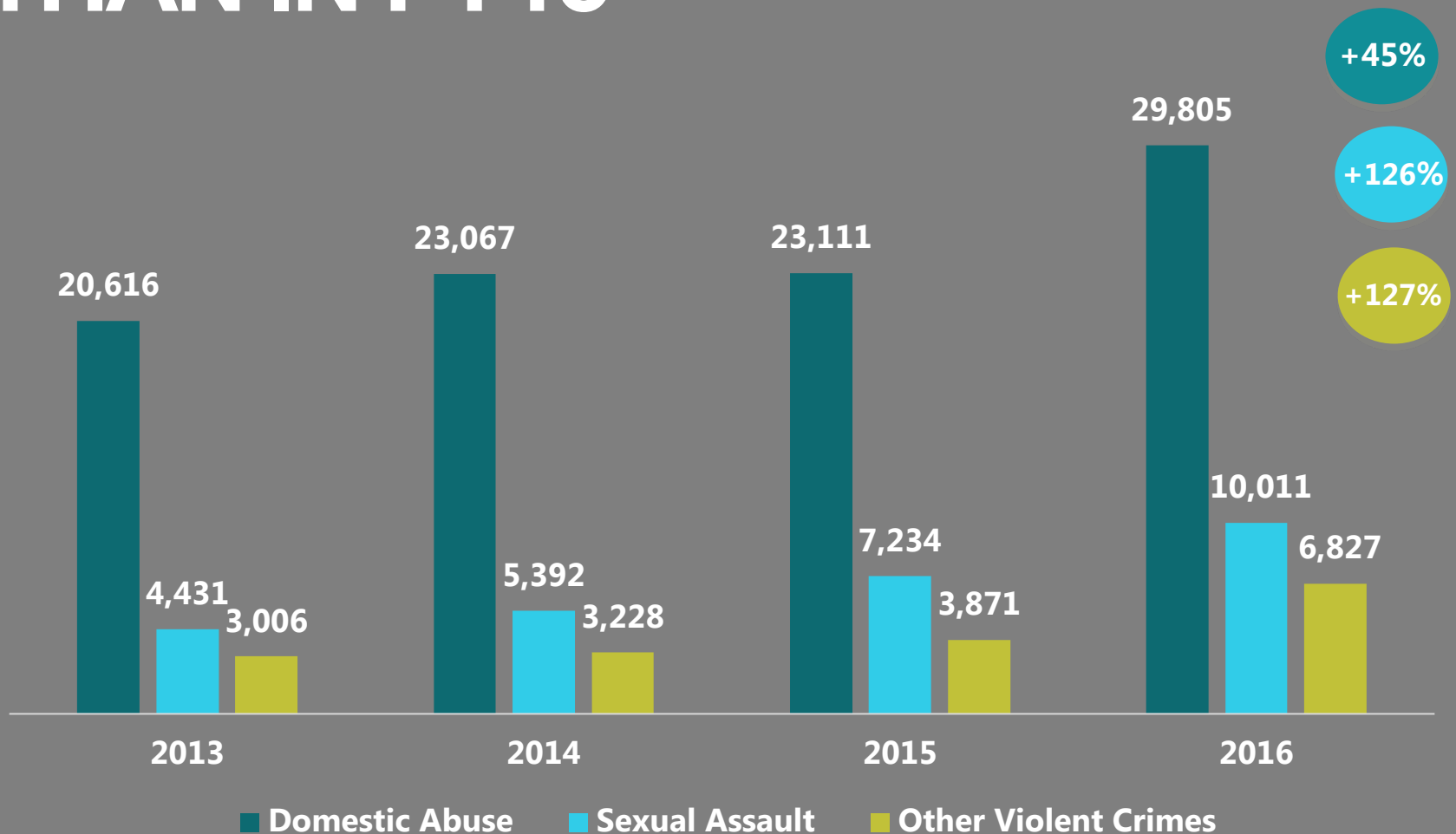


# Iowa's Survivors of Homicide Program

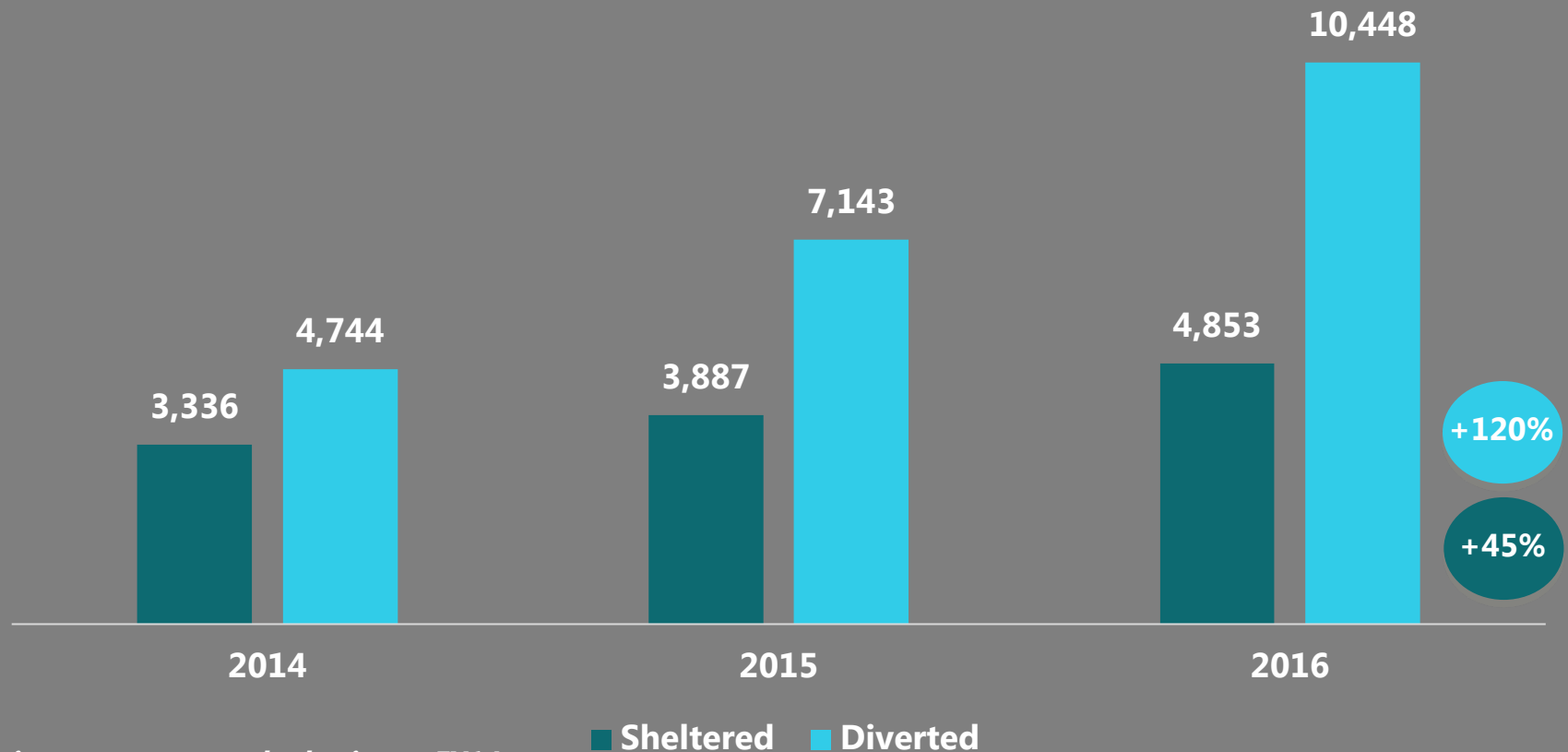


## ★ Main Office of Iowa's Survivors of Homicide Programs

# 18,590 MORE VICTIMS RECEIVED SERVICES IN FY16 THAN IN FY13

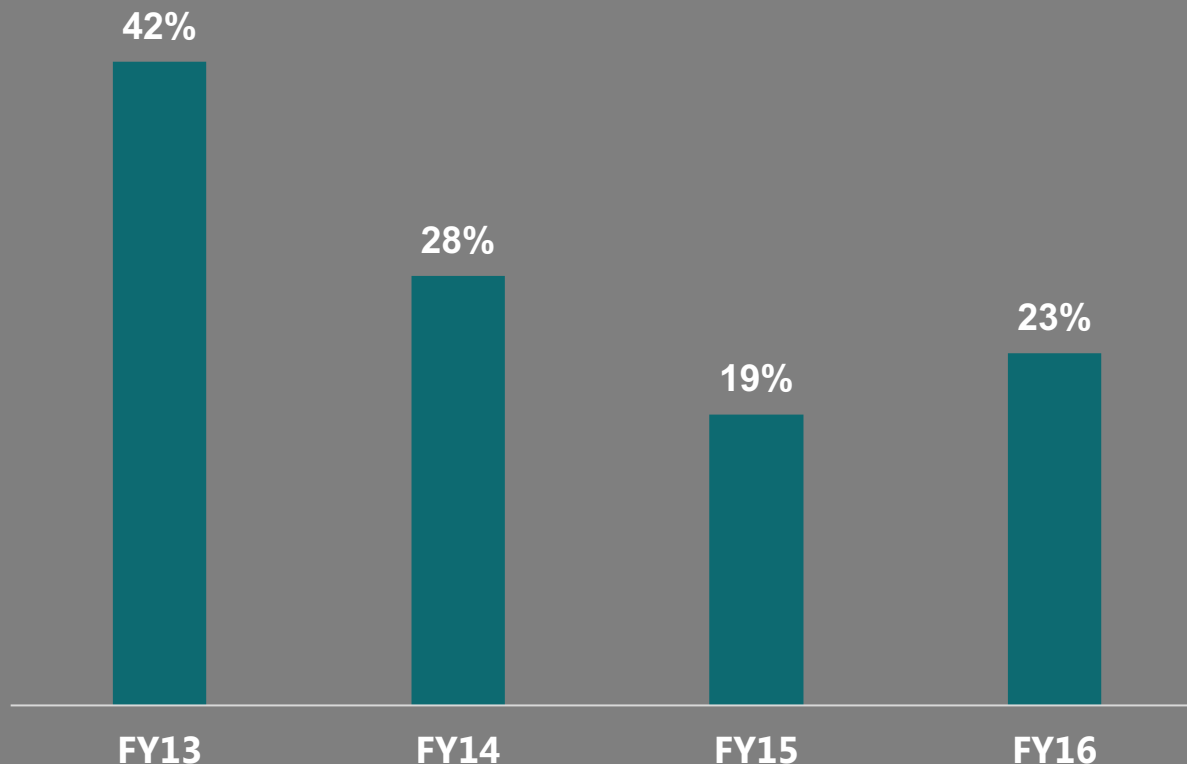


# MORE VICTIMS WERE SHELTERED IN FY16 AND EVEN MORE VICTIMS ARE FINDING **PERMANENT** HOUSING



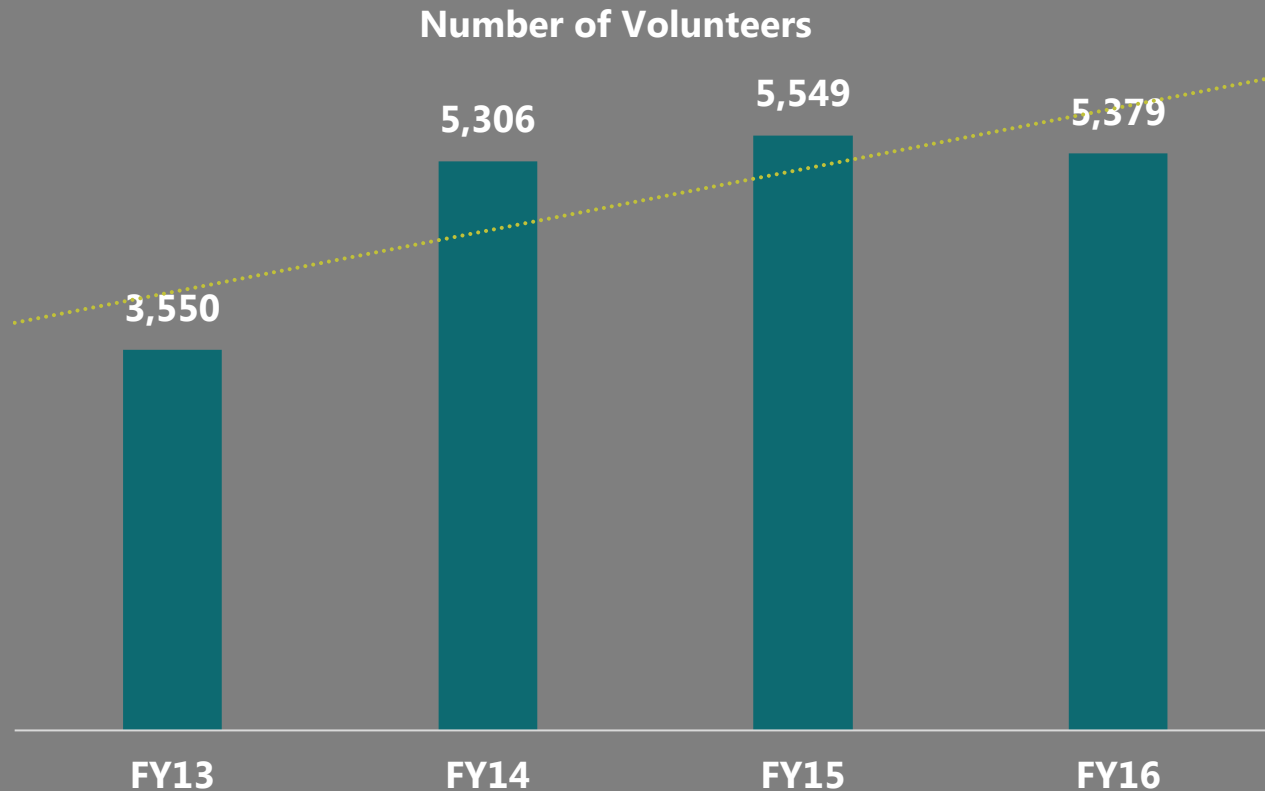
# DV SHELTER BEDS ARE **EMPTY** **FEWER NIGHTS** THAN THEY WERE BEFORE SERVICES WERE RESTRUCTURED IN FY13

Shelter Vacancy Rates



- A primary goal of the restructure was to reduce empty/unused shelter beds around the state
- The shelter vacancy rate has decreased while the number of clients sheltered has increased
- Programs have become experts at moving individuals out of shelter and into permanent housing more quickly

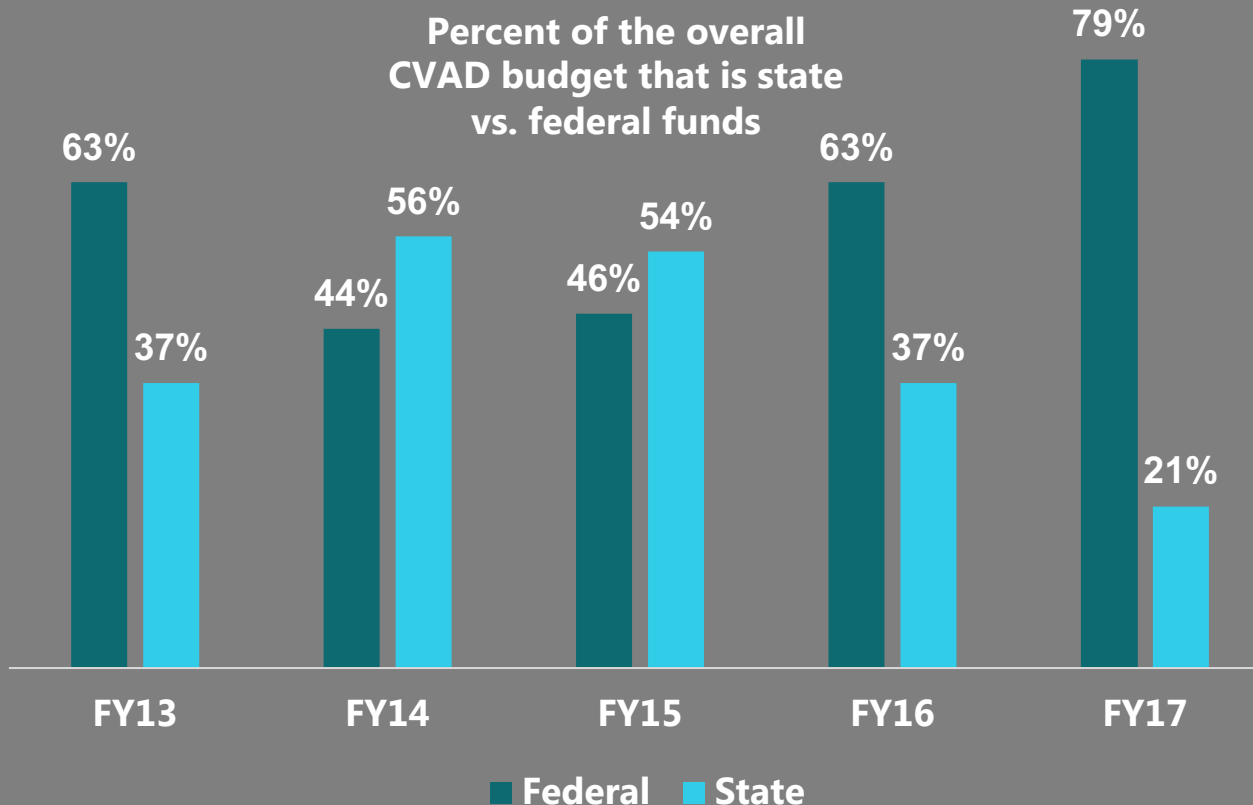
# 151,414 VOLUNTEER HOURS WERE PROVIDED IN FY16; THIS IS THE EQUIVALENT OF NEARLY 73 FULL TIME ADVOCATES



- Programs have increased efforts to engage community members, train them and utilize them in their efforts to serve crime victims
- Volunteers provide both indirect (e.g. maintenance to shelters, fundraising, outreach and awareness) and direct (e.g. on-call crisis response and transportation) services for victims

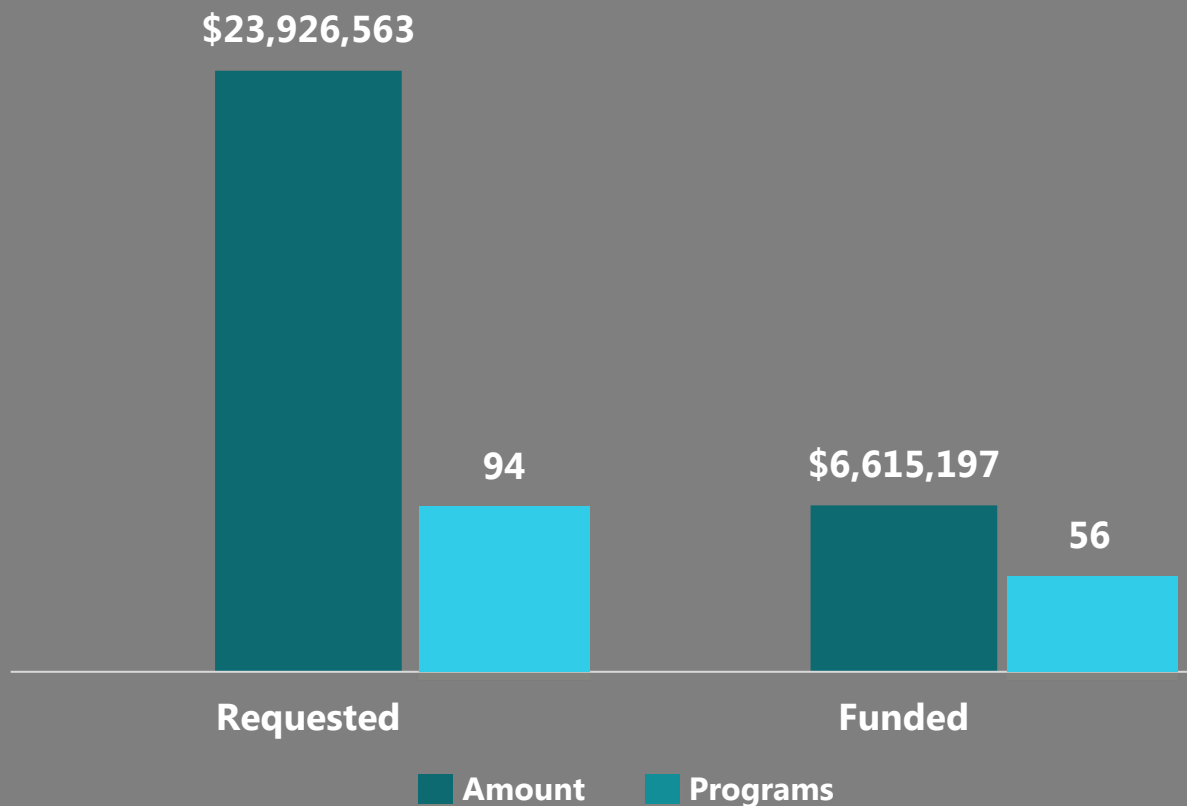


# PROGRAMS DEPEND ON THE STATE INVESTMENT TO **MATCH** FEDERAL AWARDS



- All federal funding streams require a match obligation by the State
- In SFY16, programs used roughly \$5.25 million in state appropriations as match
- Additionally, programs offset this match obligation through other local funding
- If programs are unable to meet match requirements, they cannot accept all/some of their federal award

# FEDERAL DOLLARS TO STATES INCREASED TO ADDRESS SERVICE GAPS. THE AG'S OFFICE WAS ONLY ABLE TO **FUND 28%** OF REQUESTS.



- Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds were increased with the direction to fund “new” projects to narrow service gaps in states.
- A statewide needs assessment was conducted in SFY16 to determine IA’s gaps
- The additional funds did not fully meet the requests, nor all of the identified needs in the assessment



## Summary Information

Restructuring services and the new victim service model have been hugely successful

Adequate state and federal funding are essential to providing quality services to victims of crime in Iowa

## Additional Information

The Crime Victim Assistance Division Annual Report is available online through the AG's website.

The report includes information about our other programs: IowaVine, IPONDA, Identity Theft Passport and Registrant Watch.

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